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Subject: RE: Report out RE: 4/22/13 Meeting with Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, and Alaskan Native Leaders and Bristol Bay Native Corporation

Jeff,

Thanks for the update. Just want to flag that we should also work with the docket center to have the assessment added to our docket as "supporting materials". I don't fully understand the details, but the docket center needs to create a separate page or something for these items and this can take some time so if we can give them materials in advance they appreciate it.

I know the Peer Review Follow-On is also on your radar. I just want to let you know that I will be out of the office on work travel May 6-20th, which will potentially make the logistics of contracting a bit difficult. At the very least it will be important to have the contracts in EAS prior to my departure. Let me know if you need anything from me to finalize the COI form or anything else for us to be ready to move those contracts.

Jenny

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Cc: Thomas, Jenny; Nalven, Heidi; Kaiser, Russell; Parkin, Richard; Eckman, Sheila; Smith, Judy; Suter, Glenn; Schofield, Kate; Johnson, Maureen
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Rachel: Good summary of this morning's meeting.

Confirming: The intent is to release the revised draft Bristol Bay Assessment sometime the next couple of days. We have not been given a release date just yet. It will not be today (Monday) and will not be tomorrow (Tuesday). Hopefully, this week.

The draft FRN is being circulated this afternoon for final comment.

The revised draft Bristol Bay Assessment has been finalized and the PDF files are being created. Kate and others are making one final pass through the report to ensure consistency through all of the chapters.

The web sites, including the main Bristol Bay website (www.epa.gov/bristolbay) and ORD's website for reports, are being finalized in preparation for release.

I think we're in good shape. Just need the good word.

Jeff

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From: Fertik, Rachel

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All,

Today's meeting with the Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, and Alaskan Native Leaders and Bristol Bay Native Corporation went very well. Bob S. and Ken K. chaired the first part of the meeting, with Bob P. joining the meeting about ten minutes in. Region 10 was on the phone, not including Dennis.

The meeting focused on their request to get the Bristol Bay Assessment out as soon as possible. Each of the groups presented their perspectives on why this was essential to them. They made some very direct appeals to our leadership, while recognizing that we have a "strong political headwind". They emphasized that the main purpose in their meetings with CEQ and the Hill this week was to support us and give us the political space to move forward. They expressed their frustration at the lack of assistance from the State, and even a lack of willingness to hear their opinions and about their needs, relative to the Bristol Bay Area Plan – which the courts are requiring the State agency to redo because of the lack of public participation when they changed the primary use designation from hunting and fishing/habitat to mining. They also reminded us that there is overwhelming support in the Region for moving forward with the BBA, and also with pursuing a 404(c).

At the close of the meeting, Bob Perciasepe asked Bob S. provide an update on the schedule. Bob S. said that **"We are ready to go on the Assessment, and that we are hoping in the near future that we can release it. It's a better and stronger document, and I think you'll like what's in there."** He then outlined the process of the 30 day comment period without additional public meetings, followed by a review by the original panel to see how well we've addressed their comments.

Bob S. also said **"Our goal is to complete the Assessment in 2013, and we're hopeful to have it out in the next couple of days. We have focused on making it available for the full month of May, recognizing that June 1 is the start of the fishing season."** Ken also provided an update on Waters of the U.S. efforts.

Jeff is going to follow up with him and get additional details on what that means for us. It was from Jeff that we had heard that today was not the day, but possibly this week.

Thanks,

Rachel

Meeting Request with Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Gina McCarthy, Michelle DePass, Lek Kadeli, and Nancy Stoner
22-24 April 2013

Topic: Discuss Request for CWA 404c, Finalization of Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment, Update on current and future actions relative to Bristol Bay.

Who: Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, and Alaskan Native Leaders with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation:

- Chris Wood, President & CEO, - Trout Unlimited (TU)
- Steve Moyer, Vice President, Government Affairs, TU
- Whit Fosburgh, President & CEO, - Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP)
- Tom Franklin, Senior Director, Science and Policy, TRCP
- Gordon Robertson – Vice President, Government Affairs - American Sportfishing Association
- Brian Kraft (AK) – Owner, Alaska Sportsman's Lodge
- Dan Michels (AK) – Owner - Crystal Creek Lodge
- Dan Vermillion (MT) – Owner - Sweetwater Travel/Copper River Lodge/Royal Coachman Lodge
- Gaspar Perricone (CO) – Co-Founder and Co-Director, Bull Moose Sportsmen's Alliance
- Jeremy Vesbach (NM) – Executive Director, New Mexico Wildlife Federation
- Bill Eyre (VT) – Director, The Orvis Company
- Bob Waldrop, Executive Director, Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
- Joe Chythlook, Chair, BBNC Board of Directors
- Robin Samuelsen, BBNC Board of Directors
- Dorothy Larson, BBNC Board of Directors
- Peter Andrew, Jr., BBNC Board of Directors
- Russell Nelson, BBNC Board of Directors
- Tiel Smith, Vice President for Lands, Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Shoren Brown, Bristol Bay Campaign Director for Trout Unlimited.
- Peter Van Tuyn, Outside counsel to Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Juan Hinojosa, Vice-President, Stratgies360
- Wayne Nastri, Co-President, E4 Strategic Solutions, Inc.

Why: Sportsmen from across the US, as well as members of the commercial fishing community and the Bristol Bay Native Corporation are meeting with Congressional and Administration leaders the week of April 22 and wish to engage with EPA Leadership regarding their request for CWA 404(c) action in Bristol Bay.

When: Monday - Wednesday morning, 22-24 April 2013. At a time convenient for EPA Leaders

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